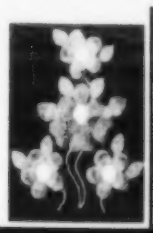

ARTISTS' NEWSLINE

SUMMER 2006

A GNWT Newsletter for the Northwest Territories Arts Community

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café

Stuart McLean brings his award-winning CBC Radio show to NACC for two shows. All proceeds go to the NWT Literacy Council.

Where: Yellowknife, NT

When: June 16-17, 2006

Ph: (867) 873-4050

Web: www.nwt.literacy.ca

Summer Solstice Festival

The solstice festival is comprised of arts and crafts, music showcases, workshops, theatre, art displays, storytelling, Aboriginal and multicultural performances and so much more. The festival also includes Raven Mad Daze, National Aboriginal Day and Funk Fest.

Where: Yellowknife, NT

When: June 20-25, 2006

Web: www.solsticefestival.ca

Open Sky Festival

Join the residents of the Dehcho for an annual celebration of the vibrant arts below the treeline! There will be an outdoor concert, traditional Dene and contemporary arts and crafts exhibits, demonstrations, art workshops, kids' attractions, sports events, a Canada Day parade, historical tours, theatre, dance and video screenings.

Where: Fort Simpson, NT

When: June 30-July 3, 2006

Ph: (867) 695-3005

Web: www.openskyfestival.ca

Folk on the Rocks

Come out and celebrate the 26th Annual Celebration of Yellowknife's biggest summer celebration-Folk on the Rocks! With an astounding line up as usual this jam packed music festival is sure to dazzle Yellowknife for the 26th year in a row.

Where: Yellowknife, NT

When: July 14-16, 2006

Ph: (867) 920-7806

Web: www.folkontherocks.com

Top of the World Film Festival

With a fabulous selection of shorts, documentaries, and feature length films, The Top of the World Film Festival is bringing a fine selection of cinema to Canada's far north, celebrating the unique flavour of the tundra.

Where: Inuvik, NT

When: July 17-22, 2006

Ph: (867) 777-5152

Great Northern Arts Festival

Join over 100 Northern artists from the Yukon, NWT and Nunavut who will gather in Inuvik for 10 days to participate in the largest Visual Arts Festival in the North. Evening performances by Northern musicians, drummers and dancers, along with public workshops and artist demonstrations, add to an unforgettable experience.

Where: Inuvik, NT

When: July 14-23, 2006

Ph: (867) 777-8638

Web: www.gnaf.ca

Woodblock Music Festival

A good ol' Fort Good Hope community festival featuring traditional games and great music-don't miss out!

Where: Fort Good Hope, NT

When: July 21-23, 2006

Ph: (867) 598-2154 or 598-2771

NEW!

Yellowknife Arts Festival

This brand new five day festival will feature arts activities across the City, including: artists' painting and carving workshops; five galleries with special showings and artists on-site; an indoor-outdoor "Art-Walk"; a writers' festival; unveilings of outdoor art statues, and so much more!!

Where: Yellowknife, NT

When: August 3-7, 2006

Ph: (867) 873-4156

Gateway Jamboree

Stop by the community of Enterprise for an entire day filled with truly vibrant festivities that will include craft tables, a huge cookout, and entertainment from local musicians. This year the Jamboree is proud to feature the Cole Crook Fiddlers.

Where: Enterprise, NT

When: August 12, 2006

Ph: (867)984-3491

End of the Road Music Festival

This celebration is held literally at the end of the road! Where the Dempster Highway ends this festival begins with an exuberant array of Northern musicians and celebrations.

Where: Inuvik, NT

When: August 25-27, 2006

Ph: (867) 777-3536

Web: www.inuvik.ca/events/endoftheroad.html

FEATURED ARTIST: TONYA MAKLETZOFF-CAZON

Tonya recalls an early interest in art, being raised by a painter and a cinematography artist. She is of Anishinaabe (Ojibwa), Russian and Irish ancestry. She spent the first five years of her life on the York University campus, in Toronto, Ontario surrounded by the Arts and visiting art/music festivals and galleries. The remainder of her youth was spent growing up among the Dene and Metis and Northern people of the Northwest Territories. This is where she was inspired to draw on her own visions of the people who have lived as one with the land for generations. She continues her artistic journey by exploring the themes of interconnectedness and the offerings of a self-sustaining society as she portrays the traditional Dene way of life on the land on canvas. Her methods use a realistic style using acrylics on canvas, hide, and wood. She also produces drawings and collages in multi media, photography and natural fibres into her work. Tonya is very active in the NWT arts community. She is the co-founder and president of the Open Sky Festival Society in Fort Simpson and was also previously a board member of the NWT Arts Council. She has attended various art shows and exhibitions throughout the Northwest Territories such as the Great Northern Arts Festival in Inuvik.

THE QUILT OF BELONGING EXHIBITED AND REPRESENTED BY THE NORTH

Dogrib– Artist: Celine Mackenzie Vukson

Inuvialuit-Artist: Agnes Kuptana

The Quilt of Belonging, which will be exhibited across Canada for the next four years, is a needlework tapestry 36 metres long and 3.5 metres high (120 feet by 10 feet) and includes a textile art piece from all 263 main aboriginal and world nationalities found within Canada. It took eight years to complete and the basis of the quilt was to acknowledge and celebrate the diverse ancestry Canadians represent. Canada is a multicultural nation and the Quilt of Belonging has given citizens the opportunity to express their ethnic or cultural background. Canadians have the opportunity to view and admire the artistic handiwork and imagery of these skilled quilters. The Dogrib, Inuvialuit, Gwich'in and Yellowknives of the Northwest Territories are proud to be represented by four intricate squares; each a beautiful representation of the creator's interpretation of their own cultural heritage. From colourful beading to sealskin images and Delta braid - it is evident looking at these squares that throughout our region of Northern Canada there is a compilation of multicultural and long-standing traditions. The Quilt passed through Inuvik and Yellowknife in late February and early March with pride. For more information about the Quilt of Belonging visit www.invitationproject.ca

Yellowknives- Artist:Carol Mackenzie

Gwich'in- Artist:Olive Itsi

GNWT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories and is designed to help the NWT arts community stay up to date with the current "happenings" in the industry.

There are two GNWT Departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts – Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) and Education Culture and Employment (ECE). ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI's primary role is helping the business side of arts and fine crafts.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at:

http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/artscouncil.htm

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers' Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events.

Consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at: www.pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/comm.htm

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition, and the economic potential of the NWT Arts and Fine Crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Business Development Fund and Grants to Small Business program. ITI also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional art and fine crafts in the NWT.

We want to hear from you!

If you hear about any upcoming events or celebrations suited for this newsletter, or if you are a Northern Artist who is interested in being showcased in our Featured Artist section...

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